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A Message From The Secretary

Robert E. "Bob" Douglas



I'm sick of winter already! Must be a sign of cabin fever or I'm getting anxious for the spring convention. To tell the truth, it is the latter. All my correspondence is about the convention. Chairman Mike Dwyer and Co-Chairman John Bush have a bang-up convention planned.

If you haven't gotten your favorite coins ready for an exhibit yet, **now is the time!** You should find an exhibit application elsewhere in this *Centinel*. If for some strange reason it is not, write Jim Moores, P.O. Box 782, Liberty, MO 64068. Jim will set aside space for you. The exhibit area is the most fun place at the convention. A little friendly competition for some great awards does us all good.

Dealers, if you have not responded to a bourse invitation by now, you may have a problem. Call Barry Faintish or Sid Rosenberg at 814/863-0990 to see if tables are still available.

Hotel reservation cards are also found elsewhere in this issue for those who have not yet made reservations. Act now! Your first choice could be lost if you wait too long.

I received the wooden display case for the CSNS 50th Anniversary Medals just before I prepared this message. I want to remind you if you have delayed obtaining this nice set, you may still do so from SilverTowne or at the CSNS booth at the convention.

I am disappointed that I have not received any inquiries to the notice that our Hewlett-Packard HP-150 touch-screen computer system is for sale. If any of you are in the market for a computer, I feel this is a bargain for the home computer enthusiast or small business. If you act fast we can discuss the system before convention. If not, it will be sold during the Kurt Krueger auction at the convention in St. Louis. We have the system listed for \$2,000 (purchased for more than \$7,000) and this includes a Smith-Corona L-1000 letter quality printer and software for Word Star word processing, Lotus 1-2-3 spread-sheet, and dBase II data base. The computer is an 8086 processor 8 MHz system that includes a 10-Meg hard drive as well as dual 360-K floppy 3½" drives.

My reading of many numismatic publications has brought up a couple of points to ponder — we are now in a recession and coin prices are at a low point. Yes, it appears that we are in a recession, many are out of work, interest rates are low (especially my CD's!), but time and patience will overcome these minor rough spots in the road. The second item seems to offer an excellent opportunity. Now is the time to obtain one (or some) of those elusive scarce date coins we have been putting off buying because of price. Yes, the price is sometimes tough, but we have been doing very little with our collections recently and are at the point when we can fill in these more elusive dates. The prices for these coins have not been this low for a long time, and they sure will not be this low again for who know how long. Even though this sound repetitious, I repeat — **now is the time to act!** This opportunity

may not happen again in your lifetime, no matter what grade you collect. Let's get active again, collectors!

Now that Jim and Karen Jach have settled in on the preparation of the *Centinel*, we will see the regular quarterly issues we have been accustomed to continue. They are so eager and enthused about their new undertaking. If you have a subject you would like to write about, put it on paper and submit it to the Jachs. We do pay a small stipend for our authors' efforts. If you would like to air an opinion, send an editorial to be placed in the *Centinel*. You may have a terrific idea no one has thought about.

At the time I write this, I am thinking that my next chore is to prepare the 1991 dues notices. How about converting to a life membership? An investment of \$100 will bring you a lifetime of pleasure with your many numismatic friends. How about paying two or more years in advance to make it easier? I will accept \$10, \$15, \$20 or more to pay in advance. Of course, there is no problem with the annual fee of \$5. Look for notices approximately March 1, or about the time you receive this.

If you have a question for the Board members or have a suggestion of any kind for the betterment of the CSNS, just look for those gold jackets at the convention and tell us about your ideas. You can always write to me, I will pass everything on to the President and/or the Board.

Remember all our men and women in the Armed Forces. May they return home soon after a great victory for peace in the world. See you at the convention.

Robert E. "Bob" Douglas, Secretary
319/364-0706, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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Deadline for copy will be
February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1.

Presidential Commentary

Marjorie Hendershott

Well, we are off to St. Louis again. This city and the hard working members of the club always provide us with a good numismatic climate. I have a special feeling this time regarding the Missouri Numismatic Society of which I have become a member. It is a little over a two hour drive for us to attend the society's meetings, but we consider it well worth the time and effort. The enthusiasm of the entire group is really heartening. This club has an outstanding educational presentation at each meeting. What a privilege to belong to such a fine group!

Since I "talked" with you last, my numismatic involvement has been sort of relaxed. Bob and I were in attendance at the "big one," the FUN Covention in Orlando. Being a director of that fine organization is Bob's highest priority. Well, maybe I come in a little ahead of that. Mr. FUN as many people refer to Bob, is one of the founding fathers and the first president of that club. Also in attendance was our own Bill Mross who won an exhibit award at the show.

Other than that convention and a lot of mail and phone calls, this winter has been a time of renewal and relaxation. We did find time to sneak in a week to Hawaii. I'm considering a proposal to add that beautiful state to our 13 member states. What do you think?

Before I go further, I do want to pass along a big commendation to Jim and Karen Jach, our editors. Their first endeavor, the Fall-Winter issue was enjoyable from front to back cover. I think you are doing a great job! I will add my plea to others for writers to submit articles for the *Centinel*. I remember when I was doing the *Iowa Collector*, what a chore it was to keep the pages full of timely and interesting material. Just give the Jachs a call and they will help you with the details.

By the time you read this, I will have had the privilege of attending another premiere showing ceremony. Bob and I have been to three of these presentations — in Denver, Washington, D.C. and West Point. However, this occasion honoring the Mount Rushmore Anniversary Coins will be special to me. It features one of our own Central States, South Dakota. We are deeply appreciative of the Treasurer of the United States and the Director of the United States Mint for including Central States people in these affairs. A big thank you to our governor from Michigan, Florence Schook, for her efforts in our behalf.

"Meet me in St. Louis."

Marjorie Hendershott, President

*Would you like to contribute
an article to the Centinel?*

Contact the Editors

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Future CSNS Conventions

- 1991 — May 9-12 St. Louis, Missouri
Mike Dwyer, 5 Fox Mill Court, Florissant, MO 63033
- 1991 — September 13-15 Ft. Wayne, Indiana
Marvin Mericle, P.O. Box 11051, Fort Wayne, IN 46855
- 1992 — April 29-May 3 Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 1992 — December 4-6 LaCrosse, Wisconsin
- 1993 — May 13-16 Chicago, Illinois
- 1994 — April 7-10 Indianapolis, Indiana
- 1995 — April 27-30 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

FOR SALE!

Hewlett-Packard HP-150 Computer

The CSNS Hewlett-Packard model HP-150 touch screen computer is for sale. The 10-meg Hard disk drive was the limiting factor leading to the replacement of the system. The system consists of:

HP-150 Computer with Model 46011A keyboard.

HP Model 9121 Dual 3½" floppy drives.

HP Model 9154A 10-meg Winchester Drive.

Smith-Corona L-1000 Daisey Wheel Printer.

Software with manuals for word processing, data base, and spreadsheet.

The new price for this was approx. \$7,000. On sale for \$2,000. A real bargain! The touch screen menus makes for a very user-friendly computer. Contact me for details.

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Membership Applications

The persons named below have applied for membership in the Society. Each applicant will become a member in 30 days, unless a written objection to his or her application is received by the Secretary-Treasurer prior to that date.

REGULAR, LIFE AND JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

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RA6216	Chris R. Crawford	St. Ann, Missouri
RA6217	John Rothans	Santa Ana, California
RA6218	Vincent A. Perillo Jr.	Brandenton, Florida

CSNS HONOR ROLL

The following members have attained continuous CSNS membership for the number of years shown during the period June 1990 through February 1991.

THIRTY FIVE YEARS

D. Wayne Johnson	Danbury, Connecticut
Ralph C. Winquist Jr.	Rockford, Illinois
Missouri Numismatic Society	Florissant, Missouri

THIRTY YEARS

James M. Caldwell	Rhineland, Wisconsin
Dearborn Coin Club	Dearborn, Michigan
Catherine E. Bullowa	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Arthur B. Zoellner	Marshfield, Wisconsin
Allan R. Lund	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Harry J. Forman	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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William T. Anton Jr.	Lodi, New Jersey

TWENTY YEARS

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Jewell M. Seay	St. Louis, Missouri

Calumet Numismatic Club	East Chicago, Indiana
Marion G. Johnson	Glenwood, Iowa
Gary Sturtridge	Tonganoxie, Kansas
Thomas E. Waggoner	Overland Park, Kansas

DECEASED MEMBERS

The Board and membership of the Society join in extending our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the following members, who passed away recently.

R0786	Jerome L. Cohen	Beverly Hills, California
R0487	Lauren Benson	Davenport, Iowa
R3962	Al Latson	Howell, Michigan

LOST MEMBERS

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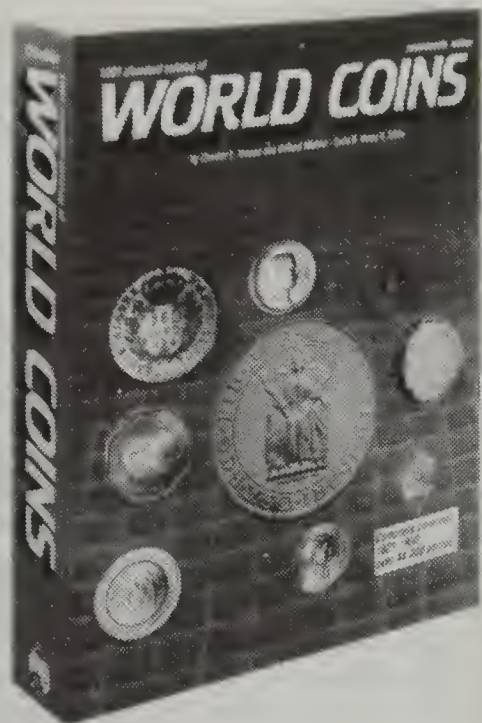
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E.B. Banning	Ontario, Canada
Mike Immerman	Port Jefferson Station, New York
William Ulrich	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Todd Kasper	Lexington, Kentucky

Would You Like
To Submit An Article
To *The Centinel*?

The Central States Numismatic Society welcomes articles related broadly to numismatic themes. All of the material contributed will be entered in competition for the Elston Bradfield Literary Award for the best article to appear in *The Centinel*. Articles from contributors less than 18 years old are entered in competition for the Daniel Parker Literary Award. In addition, authors are compensated at a rate of roughly five dollars per 100 words.

If you have a piece you'd like to submit for possible publication, contact the editors: Jim and Karen Jach, P.O. Box 21766, Milwaukee, WI 53221, phone 414/281-4687

Standard Catalog of World Coins



IOLA, WI — The 17th edition of the world coin hobby's number one reference book, the *1991 Standard Catalog of World Coins*, will be available in June from Krause Publications Inc., 700 East State Street, Iola, Wisconsin 54990 (\$36.95 plus \$2.50 shipping, U.S.).

This comprehensive reference has been the favorite of the world coin hobbyists for nearly two decades, and features hundreds of new issues, such as Spain's exciting 20 + coin pesetas series and the spectacular silver issues of the Marshall Islands.

"It gets better every time out," stated Roger Case, publisher of Krause's Numismatics Division. "There's a genuine love in the hobby for this particular book," Case continued. "Some collectors have bought every edition that's come out."

At 1,920 pages, the *Standard Catalog of World Coins* lives up to its reputation as the "telephone book" of world coins. The cur-

rent edition contains well over 100,000 coin listings and presents current market valuations in up to four grades of preservation. The low price makes it one of the most economical reference books in the hobby. There are literally tens of thousands of coin values within, from A to Z. And the cost is just pennies a page.

Hundreds of man-hours from coin experts around the world have gone into the *1991 Standard Catalog of World Coins*. The 17th edition contains a complete listing of world legal tender, from 1801 to present. This information is listed alphabetically by country and date of issue and includes all U.S. coinage, beginning with 1793 issues.

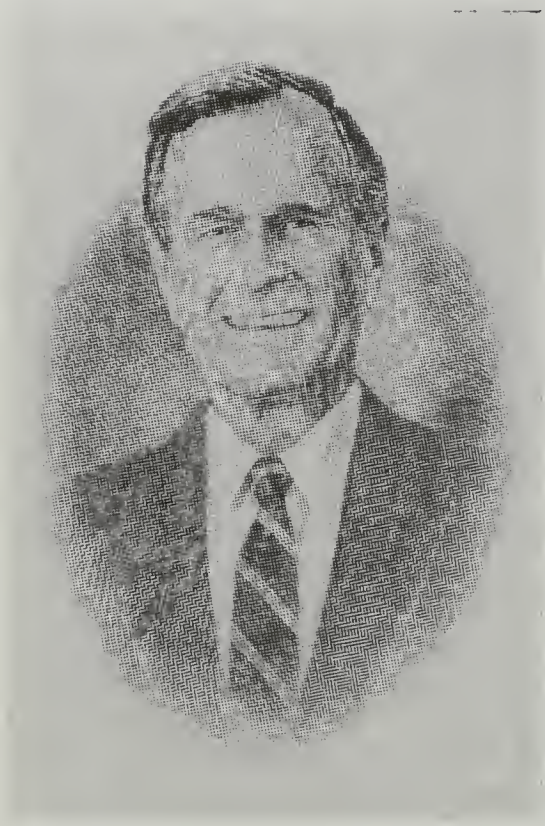
The valuations are carefully determined by studying major auctions, thousands of pages of advertisements and dealer price lists worldwide.

More than 45,900 actual, life-size photos are included to help with coin attribution. That figure represents an increase of more than 2,000 new illustrations above the 1990 edition. Each coin is numbered, using the universally acknowledged KM (Krause/Mishler) numbering system. Plus, there is additional cross-referencing to help collectors and investors zero in on coins they wish to buy or sell.

Also included are mintage figures (where applicable); visual aids, like the Instant Identifier and Monogram Chart that allows coins to be identified through a key symbol; a Standard International Numerical System Chart, which cross-reference date and denomination numerals; actual precious metal weights in gold, silver and platinum; a wide list of mint, proof-like and proof sets; special identification of commemoratives; historical sketches of the coinage of each country; a comprehensive Country Index; a Mint Index; Coin Denomination chart; and much, much more. In all, the *1991 Standard Catalog of World Coins*, 17th edition is the most "user-friendly" reference available to hobbyists today.

"The volume of information in this catalog is staggering," stated Case. "But what's even greater is the breadth of the book. Both veteran collectors and novices alike can be helped by this wealth of data. And investors can also benefit. Everybody wants to know as close to the penny as possible the value of a coin they want to buy or sell. And, the *1991 Standard Catalog of World Coins* provides that information.

Large Engraved Prints of President Bush Available



In keeping with a tradition started more than 100 years ago, engraved portraits of various Presidents are available at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The newest portrait is that of George Herbert Walker Bush, 41st President of the United States.

The President's official portrait served as a model for Bureau engraver Tom Hipschen in creating a finely engraved replica. The large size portraits are printed on 9" x 12" cream colored card stock with the engraved image measuring 4" x 5". The rare art of engraving is a Bureau tradition which pre-dates its establishment. Each of the portraits on United States currency were also hand engraved in this time honored manner.

The large portrait of President Bush is available in the Visitors Center in Washington D.C. and through the mail.

This engraved portrait and other selected presidential portraits may be purchased through the mail for \$4.50.

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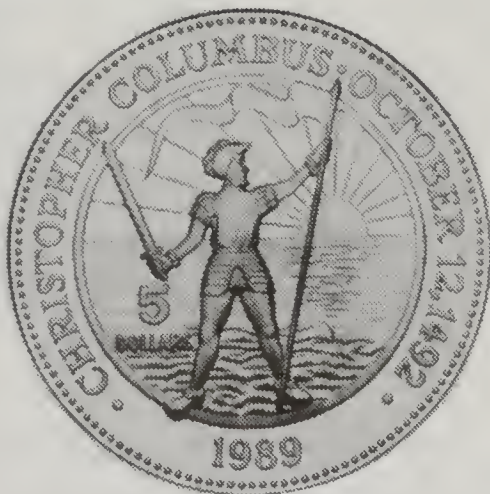
Nine Coin Bahamas Proof Set Includes Columbus Commemorative

The Central Bank of the Bahamas has authorized the British Royal Mint to strike a limited number of proof coin sets containing all nine Bahamian circulating coins with face values ranging from one cent to five dollars.

Only 2,000 of the 1989 dates proof sets have been authorized while additional mintages of 2,000 \$5 and \$2 sterling silver proofs have been approved and are offered individually. The \$5 Silver proof features a new and special design commemorating Columbus' discovery of the Bahamas.

An archipelago comprising some 700 islands and more than 2,000 islet cays, the Bahamas stretch for over 500 miles in the Caribbean to the east of Florida and to the north of Cuba. The first sighting by Christopher Columbus on his voyage of discovery in 1492 was logged — "like a little candle rising and falling." The island proved to be San Salvador (or Watling Island), part of the Bahamas group peopled by the peaceful Arawak Indians. Columbus sailed among the Bahamas, naming Ferdinandina (Lond Island) and Ysabela (Crooked Island) for the king and queen of Spain.

Spain made no attempt to colonize the islands however, and British influence began in 1626 when Charles I granted the islands to the lord proprietors of Carolina. In 1717 the islands were surrendered to the king (George III) and given the status of Crown Colony. The coinage of Great Britain was legal tender in the islands from



1825 until 1966 when the Bahamas issued its own definitive coinage based on the more convenient decimal system. Each obverse featured the Arnold Machin portrait of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II already intended for use on the planned decimal currency of Great Britain. The Bahamas gained full independence in 1973 with the Queen remaining Head of State. Since 1974 the Bahamas Coat of Arms has appeared on each obverse, with Her Majesty's effigy being confined to commemoratives such as the 1981 silver crown marking the wedding of HRH The Prince Charles and Lady Diana and the 1985 Royal Visit commemoratives struck in gold and silver proof.

The reverse design of the \$5 silver proof depicts Columbus as he lands on San Salvador. The inscription around the circumference reads, "CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS • OCTOBER 12, 1492." Each of the other reverses of the nine coin proof set features delightful examples of Bahamian fauna and flora. Indeed the flamingo, Bahamas national bird, featured upon the \$2 coin and the blue marlin on the 50¢ also support the Bahamas Coat of Arms which appears as the common obverse of the set, while the conch shell of the \$1 appears in the crest.

The Bahamas Proof Set is attractively housed in a blue leatherette presentation case, while the \$5 and \$2 silver proofs are each housed in individual cases accompanied by a signed information leaflet.

Prices of the 1989 dated Bahamas coins are:

Bahamas Nine Coin Proof Set	\$106.50 (US)	\$128.00 (CAN)
Bahamas \$5 Columbus Silver Proof	\$ 46.50 (US)	\$ 56.00 (CAN)
Bahamas \$2 Silver Proof	\$ 42.95 (US)	\$ 51.50 (CAN)

Orders and inquiries should be addressed to the British Royal Mint, P.O. Box 2570, Woodside, NY 11377-9864 (New York residents add tax please), or by calling toll-free 800/221-1215 (24 hours). Canadian collectors call 800/543-0237 (24 hours). Dealers call 800/822-BRIT or 914/677-6112.

Editor's Note — Specifications of the 1989 Bahamas Proof Set are:

Denomination	Composition	Diameter	Weight	Reverse Design
\$5	.925 Ag	36.00	19.44	Christopher Columbus
\$2	.925 Ag	34.00	16.85	Flamingos
\$1	Cu/Ni	32.00	18.14	Conch Shell
50c.	Cu/Ni	29.00	10.37	Blue Marlin
25c.	Pure Nickel	24.26	6.80	Native Sloop
15c.	Cu/Ni	21.50 (square)	6.48	Hibiscus
10c.	Cu/Ni	23.495 (scalloped)	5.51	Bone Fish
5c.	Cu/Ni	21.00	3.89	Pineapple
1c.	Cu plated Zinc	19.05	2.50	Starfish

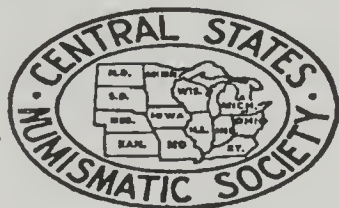
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Preliminary Convention Schedule



Central States Numismatic Society 52nd Anniversary Convention

St. Louis, Missouri May 10, 11, 12, 1991

PNG Day — Thursday, May 9

The following tentative schedule of events for the 52nd Anniversary Convention of the Central States Numismatic Society is presented here as a convenience for potential convention attendees. Because of printing deadlines it is probable that some changes and additions will be made to the schedule prior to the actual dates of the convention. Please consult the official program, available at the convention itself, for final details.

Wednesday, May 8

- 10:00 a.m. Security room opens to dealers with bourse tables.....
- 10:00 p.m. Security room closes.....

Thursday, May 9 — PNG Day

- 7:00 a.m. Security room opens to PNG dealers only.....
- 8:00 a.m. Bourse room to PNG dealers only
- 9:00 a.m. Kurt Krueger auction lot viewing opens.....
- 10:00 a.m. PNG bourse opens..... Room A
- Security room opens to all dealers and
CSNS badge holders.....
- 4:30 p.m. Registration closes. No further public entry to
bourse room..... Lobby A
- 5:00 p.m. Bourse room closes..... Room A
- 6:00 p.m. PNG Membership meeting
- Kurt Krueger auction lot viewing closes.....
- 7:00 p.m. PNG Cocktail Reception.....
- 8:00 p.m. PNG Dinner.....
- 10:00 p.m. Security room closes.....

The Central States Convention Hospitality Room is sponsored by Krause Publications-Numismatic News, Western Publishing Company-Whitman Coin Product, and Amos Press-Coin World. It will be open on May 10, 11 and 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Friday, May 10

- 7:00 a.m. Security room opens to dealers with tables.....
- 9:00 a.m. Kurt Krueger auction lot viewing opens.....
- 9:55 a.m. Ribbon-cutting ceremony..... Lobby A
- 10:00 a.m. Bourse and Exhibit room opens to
official badge holders..... Lobby A
- Security room opens to all dealers and
CSNS badge holders.....
- 11:30 a.m. Spouses luncheon bus leaves..... Convention Center Lobby
- 3:00 p.m. CSNS Board Meeting.....

- 5:00 p.m. Liberty Seated Collectors Club meeting.....
- 6:00 p.m. Kurt Krueger auction lot viewing closes.....
- 6:30 p.m. Registration closes. No further public entry to
bourse room.....
- 7:00 p.m. Bourse and Exhibit room closes..... Lobby A
Security room closes.....
- Kurt Krueger auction begins, first session.....
- 7:15 p.m. Professional Currency Dealers Association meeting.....

Saturday, May 11

- 8:30 a.m. CSNS Board Breakfast.....
- 9:00 a.m. Bourse room opens to dealers with tables..... Room A
Registration opens to public.....
- Society for U.S. Commemorative Coins meeting.....
- Kurt Krueger auction lot viewing opens and
lot pick-up continues.....
- 10:00 a.m. Bourse and Exhibit room opens to official badge holders.. Room A
Security room opens to all dealers and
CSNS badge holders.....
- 11:00 a.m. Society of Paper Money Collectors meeting.....
- 12:00 a.m. Kurt Krueger auction lot viewing and lot pick-up closes ...
- 1:00 p.m. Central States Numismatic Society Educational Forum
Moderator — Gene Hessler
Speakers — Robert Cochran and Dan North
Tour leaves Convention Center Lobby
Kurt Krueger auction begins, second session.....
- 3:00 p.m. Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS)
general membership meeting —
Exhibits award winners to be announced.....
- 4:30 p.m. Silver Dollar Forum by National Silver Dollar Roundtable.
- 5:30 p.m. Registration closes. No further public entry to
bourse room.....
- 6:00 p.m. Bourse and Exhibit room closes..... Lobby A
Security room closes.....
- 7:00 p.m. CSNS cocktail hour (cash bar)..... Holiday Inn
- 8:00 p.m. CSNS Awards Banquet Holiday Inn

Sunday, May 12

- 8:30 a.m. CSNS Board Breakfast.....
- 9:00 a.m. Bourse room opens to dealers only..... Lobby A
Security room opens to all dealers and
CSNS badge holders.....
- Kurt Krueger auction lot pick-up until 11:00 a.m.....
- 9:30 a.m. Bourse room opens to public..... Lobby A
- 3:30 p.m. Registration closes. No further public entry to
bourse room.....
- 4:00 p.m. Bourse room closes..... Lobby A
- 6:00 p.m. Security room closes.....

52nd Anniversary Convention Closes

Monday, May 13

- 6:00 a.m. Security room opens.....
- 10:00 a.m. Security room closes — all items must be claimed.....

Coins, Medals, Currency

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There will be a two day auction conducted by Kurt Krueger; The Professional Numismatics Guild Day on May 9; meetings of the Liberty Seated Collectors Group; The International Banknote Society; The Society of Paper Money Collectors; and others.

The host hotel will be the Holiday Inn, Downtown Convention Center, 9th Street and Convention Plaza. General Chairman for the convention is Mike Dwyer, 5 Fox Mill Court, Florissant, Missouri 63033, phone 314/741-0484. Barry Faintich is Bourse Chairman and Jim Moores is Exhibits Chairman (all from the host Missouri Numismatic Society).

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Carole Ann Bush who is the current recording secretary of the Missouri Numismatic Society is in charge of the luncheon arrangements.

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St. Louis, Missouri May 10, 11, 12, 1991

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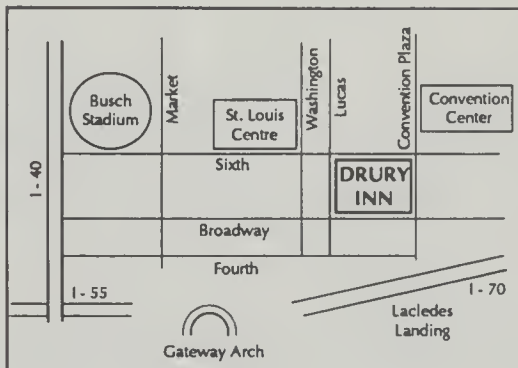
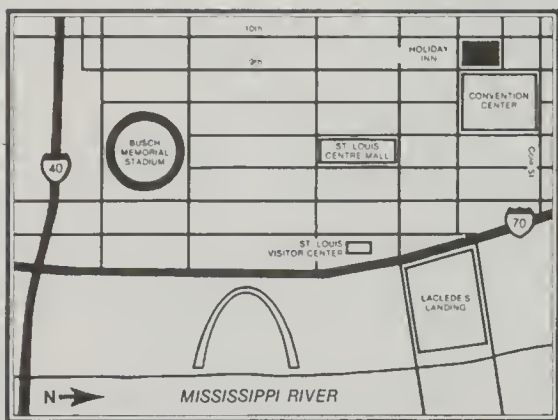
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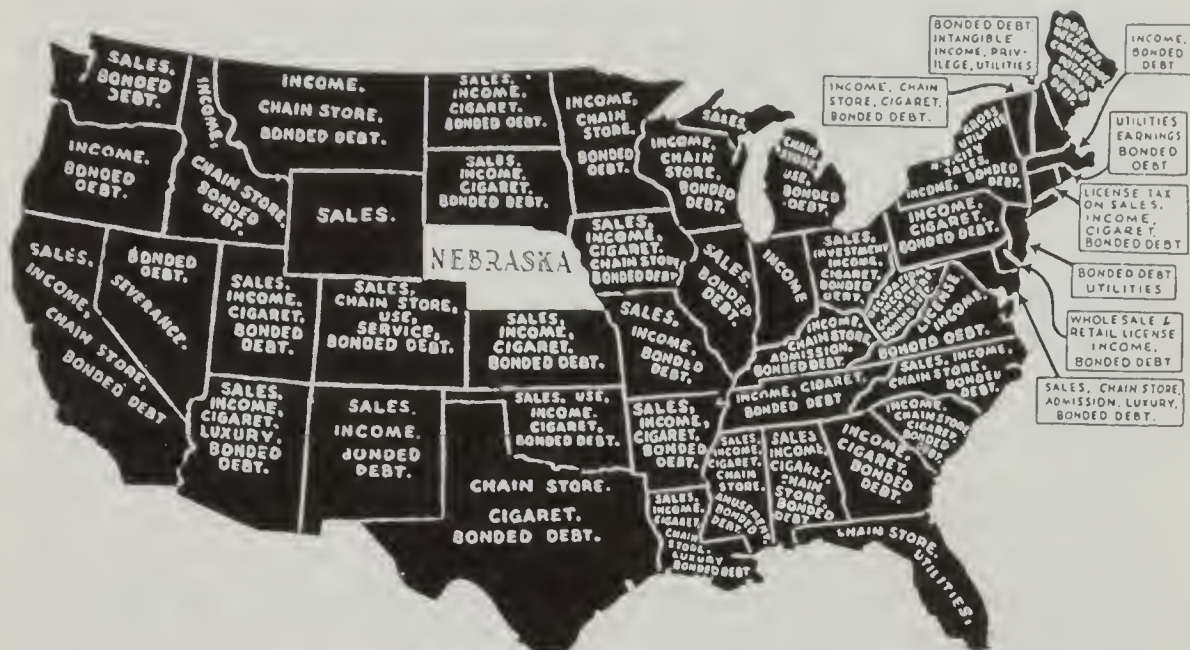
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The White Spot Campaign and Collectables

By Jerald Hohndorf



At a time when state taxes are threatening to rise even higher, it is worth looking at a time 50 years ago when Nebraska was known as the “White Spot of the Nation.” As America was coming out of the Depression, many states sought to find new sources of revenue to pay for the increasing cost of government. They invoked a sales tax, sales tax tokens, income tax, cigarette tax, luxury tax, chain store tax and sold bonds which incurred debt.

By 1938 every state bordering Nebraska had enacted sales tax, but the Legislature stood firm. Through the efforts of local anti-tax groups, Governor Cochran, the Associated Industries of Nebraska and the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, Nebraska not only managed without these extra taxes, but used the lack of them to its advantage. The state based its revenue on a property levy. The state constitution prohibited bonded debts, preferring a “pay as you go” policy. Every other state in the nation carried some form of tax or bonded indebtedness that Nebraska did not have. It was a great advertising tool for attracting new business and industry. It was also a cause for pride in the state that everyone could share.

The White Spot campaign grew from an attitude of fiscal conservatism which the Depression created in the state. From this attitude came two grass-root organizations which stood against more taxation and government waste. Because they carried a message from the people, they were able to work **with** the state and local governments to cut costs and lessen the need for other forms of revenue.

The first group was the Association of Omaha Taxpayers founded by Walter I. Pierpoint in 1932. The second group was the Nebraska Federation of County Taxpayers founded by realtor Frank Arnold. Together, with Gov. Cochran, they became a driving force in motivating the legislature to reduce the property levy 33% from 1927 to 1938.

Arnold was militant in going from county to county working to point out waste wherever it was found. He spoke weekly on a radio program espousing the virtues

of frugality in government spending. He became famous for his approach to the economy and was a welcome speaker across the nation. Politically, the organizations encouraged the installation of a conservative legislature led by Gov. Cochran. When the White Spot campaign began, both Arnold and Pierpoint became leading spokesmen for it and had articles published in national magazines.

Gov. Cochran was the most visible proponent of the White Spot campaign. He was elected in 1934 over Charles Bryan by standing on an anti-tax platform. Bryan continued to push for new forms of taxes while Cochran was in office, but lost in every case. It was under Cochran that the legislature was stream-lined into a unicameral. He began to speak of the advantages Nebraska offered with no sales tax, no income tax, no luxury tax and no bonded indebtedness. By September 1937, he was calling Nebraska the "Oasis of the Nation."

By mid 1937, it was quite apparent that Nebraska had an economic attraction for business and industry that no other state could offer. Henry Doorly, publisher of the *Omaha World Herald*, took a trip to Minnesota and found businesses leaving because the state had placed a large tax on them. He found the motivation there to advertise Nebraska's advantages so as to attract the industry and business that the state sorely needed. This could provide new jobs, a home market for goods and a larger base for the property levy. On September 4, 1937, he called together a meeting of interested businessmen from around the state to discuss the possibility.

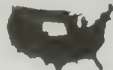
With H.L. Mengel as their president, they became known as the Associated Industries of Nebraska. While the name of the person who first came up with the motto for Nebraska as the "White Spot of the Nation" is not known, it is evident that the national campaign for it began at that meeting.

Through the fall of 1937, they worked right alongside the Omaha Chamber of Commerce to collect monies from interested businessmen and citizens to advertise the state. They contracted with *Time* magazine to publish 28 full page ads which would be printed one every other week for a year. They employed Bozell & Jacobs of Omaha to produce them. On December 27, 1937, the first of these ads appeared. Each carried a different message, but always advertised the White Spot message of no sales tax, no income tax, and no bonded indebtedness.

One of them specifically addressed the issue of sales tax tokens saying "funny money" buys nothing in Nebraska (below). The ad campaign was supplemented by reproductions of the ads in every daily Nebraska newspaper. The *Omaha World Herald* even put the White Spot logo and a fact about the state on the front page of every issue. It seemed as though every newspaper in the state had something to say about the advertisements.

Nebraska coins no "money," prints no "sales tax currency," issues no metal "tokens" to crowd real money out of the pockets of its citizens. Nebraska needs no spurious coins, which add to the cost of living in sales tax states. "FUNNY MONEY" BUYS NOTHING BUT INCREASED BURDENS OF GOVERNMENT. Nebraskans know from the experience of many other states that sales forms of taxation do not generally reduce property taxes. They are merely **ADDED TAXES** that encourage public waste. ★ Sales taxes tend to paralyze business. For example, Retail sales are up in Nebraska border counties, down in the sales tax counties across the state line. ★ These taxes are called by many names: General Sales Tax, Retail Sales Tax, Gross Receipts Tax, Consumers Sales Tax, Gross Sales Tax, Luxury Tax. Every one of them takes spendable money from the pockets of the people. **NEBRASKA REJECTS THESE AND ALL NEW FORMS OF TAXATION, KEEPS LOW THE COST OF GOVERNMENT AND THUS ENLARGES OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESS, LABOR AND AGRICULTURE.** ★ Industry expands readily in a state where government is thrifty, workers and employers cooperate. Nebraska's growing market and abundant raw materials are available through unexcelled transportation and power and fuel are cheap. Write for full information.

Nebraska: No Income Tax
No Sales Tax
No Luxury Tax
No Bonded Debt
More Money For Living



Nebraska's constitution prohibits state bonds. Moreover, 77 of 93 counties have no bonds. No surplus debts are low, and readily declining.

Associated White Spot



**We Don't Use
This Kind of Money**

Associated Industries of Nebraska

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The publicity for the campaign was not just limited to in-state publications either. Large articles about the state's success appeared in newspapers across the nation, such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *Chicago Daily News*, *The Christian Science Monitor* and *The New York Times*. Likewise, articles appeared in a large number of magazines like *The Saturday Evening Post*, *Life Magazine*, *American Magazine*, *Nation's Business*, *Business Week*, *Reader's Digest*, *Harpers* and *Survey Graphics*.

The publicity even attracted the attention of President Roosevelt. At his request, a representative was sent to him to explain the success of the state's fiscal conservatism. It was something about which people in Nebraska were proud to tell others.

The campaign not only used the written word, but employed other media to tell its story as well. The Omaha Chamber of Commerce solicited every radio station in the state to produce a weekly hour program about the White Spot.

On February 6, 1938, the first of these was broadcast. During the first half hour Gov. Cochran spoke from Lincoln about the state's advantages and outlook. The second half hour was a popular music program planned and sponsored by the Nebraska Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The other form of media used was motion pictures. Paramount came to Nebraska and produced a newsreel about the state and its success. This was shown in many of the movie theatres in and out of the state.

The Omaha Chamber of Commerce continued to play a paramount role in the campaign through the publicity they produced. They worked closely with the newspapers and radio stations to encourage free publicity. They printed and distributed over 5,000 pamphlets titled *101 Facts About Nebraska*. Each week, they mailed out 200 *Omaha Grams* which described the advantages and attractions of the city. One committee worked to have 136 billboards placed across the state's borders lauding the advantages of the nation's White Spot. A White Spot song composed by Cora Abard was popular with the junior members of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce. Lastly they made much of the paraphernalia for the campaign.

White Spot collectables are numerous and varied. Certainly there are probably some that are not included in the following descriptions, but I do offer this as the most complete list presently available on the topic. If you have any new information or corrections, please contact me.

The best known of the White Spot collectables are the milktop tokens. The idea for the tokens originated from a question raised by the Omaha Junior Chamber of Commerce. They were going to a national convention in Oakland, California and needed souvenirs to distribute to other delegates attending. After going back and forth on this, they sent the question to Mr. Hoff, President of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce. He sent it to the Omaha Manufacturer's Committee which suggested White Spot ashtrays. This idea was killed however, when it was suggested that ashtrays would not be appropriate for minors to distribute. In a last minute judgement, Mr. Hoff apparently decided on the milktop tokens. These were apparently produced in conjunction with the Shriner's milktop tokens, because of their similar appearance and use.

The manufacturer may be the same people who made the Missouri milktop tax tokens. This speculation comes from the similarity in materials and from an interesting story found in the *Philadelphia Bulletin*. It told of a man representing a St. Louis tax token firm who had heard that Nebraska was about to adopt a sales tax. He went to Lincoln hoping to sell them on the idea of tokens only to find no plans for a tax and a state treasury of \$20 million. The contacts he made though, may have landed him the job of making the no tax milktop tokens.

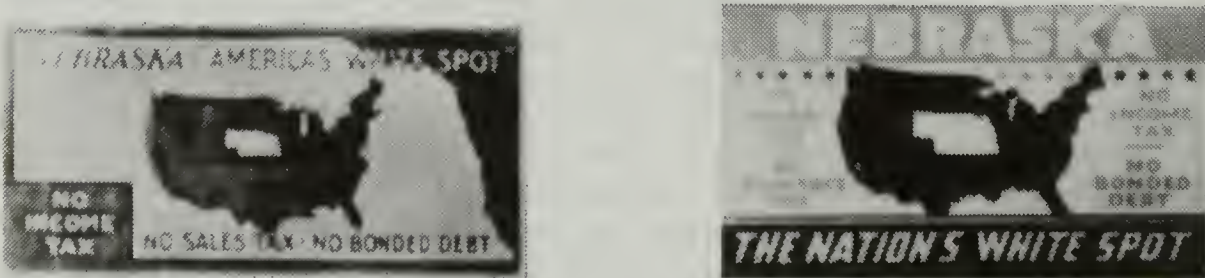
While there were some milktop tokens distributed locally, the vast majority of them were released at conventions where attendees could take them home and spread the

news throughout the nation. The Shriners went to a convention in Los Angeles where they distributed 40,000 Tangier milktops. Representatives from the Omaha Junior Chamber of Commerce went to a convention held in Oakland, California from June 15 through 18 where they distributed 10,000 Omaha Chamber of Commerce milktops.

There were a variety of other tokens in Nebraska representing the theme of the White Spot campaign. At present, there are 10 varieties known and they range in value between \$5 and \$50. The Shriners made a magnet token which read "We Don't Use Funny Money in Nebraska" (below). This is found in two different sizes. Many of these varieties however, extended beyond the initial campaign and little is known about them. Pictured below are some of them.



Another very popular advertising tool of the time was making stickers. There were three different sticker varieties that came out of the campaign from a number of possible sources. The first variety is the rarest. It is listed as "a reported token that probably didn't exist." The one pictured below was only recently discovered in Omaha and must be considered unique until others surface. It has red and blue printing on silver. The second sticker is more common. It has black printing on silver. The third variety (not pictured) is more square with blue and red printing on white. It begins with the words "Buy Nebraska Real Estate . . ." and ends "Consult Your Licensed Realtor."



There are several likely sources for these stickers. The Omaha Chamber of Commerce reported on January 27, 1938 that it had 5,000 automobile stickers. On February 24 of that year, the publications committee authorized White Spot stickers to be distributed to “business houses advertising the White Spot.” The Omaha Junior Chamber of Commerce also produced and sold stickers. On March 14, they reported a profit of \$33.00 from selling White Spot stickers.

At least one of the varieties was produced by Nebraska Electrotpe Co. which were sold for 50¢ each. The third sticker variety was possibly done by the Nebraska Federation of County Taxpayers. Before becoming president of the organization, Frank Arnold was a realtor.

Stationery is another collectable. The Omaha Junior Chamber of Commerce worked with the senior Chamber of Commerce to make stationery advertising the White Spot. They hired Epsom Lithography for the purpose. Nebraska State Treasurer Price also used White Spot stationery on letters originating from his office. Also, there are at least two known White Spot postcards. Lastly, there was a special envelope created to advertise the White Spot during the National Airmail Week May 15 through 21, 1938 (pictured below reduced).



They were made to carry the first day of issue 6¢ airmail stamp for letters mailed to Nebraska. In one of the letters is a note, “If you are not a stamp collector, give the envelope to someone who is. It is a limited issue . . .” In spite of an extensive search, only five of these envelopes have been found. Because this envelope was used only for one week, it must be considered a true rarity.

Finally, there are several miscellaneous items relating to the White Spot. The Omaha Junior Chamber of Commerce had personalized jackets produced with the White Spot logo on them. These were worn to the convention in Oakland. Also produced were gallons of White Spot ice cream. There are probably none of these cartons remaining. Lloyd Tyron & Co. produced and sold White Spot rubber stamps.

The Interstate Printing Co. of Omaha also furnished “mats” of the White Spot map which were distributed through the Omaha advertising agency of Bozell & Jacobs. This mat may, in fact, be one of the previously described stickers. The White Spot logo apparently also made its way on certain bottled goods in Omaha. The *Omaha World Herald* also mailed out 1,000 reprints of the national ad every two weeks during 1938 for a total of 26,000 reprints. Finally, Aksarben issued bronze pin backs in 1938 with the White Spot logo. Above the state is “AKSARBEN” and below the state is the year 1938. At present, only three are known, although there are probably more.

As for the campaign, there was a level of real success. By mid 1938 there were five new industries drawn to Omaha alone by the advertisements. One of them was the first Westinghouse outlet in the city. The campaign also brought a new sense of unity to the state which became a cause for pride. It was a really victory for fiscal conservatism.

On the downside, there was criticism. The property tax in Nebraska unfairly burdened the farmer. Several outstate newspapers responding to the advertising criticized the state for poor services and unfair taxes. The *Des Moines Register* published a two page article entitled, "If Nebraska's the White Spot, Then What's Iowa?"

By September 1938, the bad publicity was building up to the point that the Omaha Chamber of Commerce was seriously considering dropping the campaign. The campaign did continue, though, if not through national advertising, through word of mouth. It was truly a unique time in the history of the state where there was a bipartisan support for a theme because it was good for the state. Nebraska might have been different without it.

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The Nickels of 1938

By Steven C. Drake

The Act of September 25, 1890, had a major impact on the nickels of 1938. The Act included, among other things, that coin designs could not be changed more often than every 25 years. Mint officials seemed to have had enough of the Buffalo Nickel and announced a competition for a new design known as the Jefferson Nickel.

Both series, Buffalo and Jefferson Nickels, are very much collector oriented. It seems that investors are not interested in nickels. Buffalo Nickels, except for a couple cases, can be purchased for less than one hundred dollars in very fine condition; most for less than fifty dollars. All Jefferson Nickels can be purchased for fifty dollars or less in uncirculated condition. Plus, you still can find most Jefferson Nickels in circulation.

Before we discuss the Buffalo Nickels of 1938, here is a little background of the Buffalo Nickel design. James Earle Fraser was the designer of the Buffalo Nickel. Mr. Fraser used a composite of three Indian chiefs for the obverse design. The three Indians used for the composite were Two Moons, John Big Tree and Iron Tail, an opponent of General Custer at the Battle of Little Big Horn.

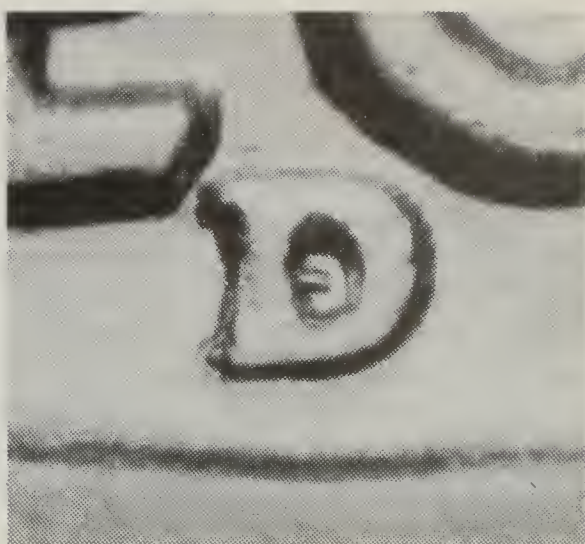
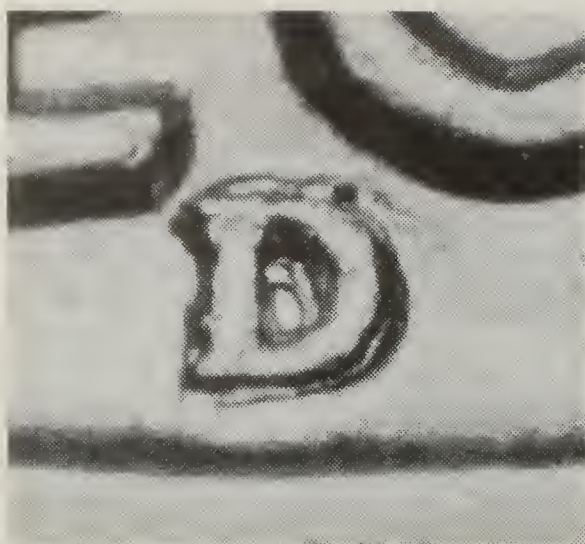
It is commonly agreed that Fraser used an American bison by the name of Black Diamond for his reverse design. Black Diamond lived in the Central Park Zoo of New York City. Except for zoologists, most people do not know the difference between a buffalo and a bison; but the coin has been known as the Buffalo Nickel.

In April 1913, it was discovered that the words "five cents" would have to be modified to keep the words from wearing away too quickly. Thus, mint engraver Charles E. Barber, made the necessary change of recessing the word "five cents" below the buffalo. Barber also took the liberty to "touch up" other parts of the design. Barber smoothed out the Indian's hair, wrinkles and feathers. Also Black Diamond's hide was diluted. Thus the Buffalo Nickel has two major varieties. The 1938 nickels are of the second variety.

The Denver Mint was the only mint to strike Buffalo Nickels in 1938. Once it was decided not to produce coins at the San Francisco Mint, officials decided to economize a little. Instead of destroying the reverse dies designated for San Francisco, a "D" mint mark was punched over the "S" mint mark. There are three different reverse dies that were used with "D over S". Plus there are several dies that "D" was repunched over "D". Thus the Buffalo Nickels are known as 1938-D, 1938-D over D, and 1938-D over S.

Here is a brief history of the 1938-D over S. This was the first coin discovered with an over mint mark! Over dates had happened in American coinage before, but never an over mint mark. C.G. Langworthy and Robert Kerr of Jamestown, New York, are credited with discovering the over mint mark in 1962. A front-page article of *Coin World*, March 16, 1962, tells that Mr. Langworthy had in storage for twenty-four years 40 rolls of bank-sealed, uncirculated 1938-D nickels. One day Langworthy decided to transfer the coins to tubes and decided to check them. The first coin he looked at was a "D over S". Later he told his friend Robert Kerr and they both searched for "D over S" Buffalo Nickels.

Q. David Bowers of the Empire Coin Co. of Binghamton, New York, was the first recognized numismatic authority to authenticate the over mint mark. Bowers stated, "As a coin with two different mint marks, each clearly distinguishable, the 1938 D/S nickel is unique in American numismatics." Bower went on to call it the "find of the century."

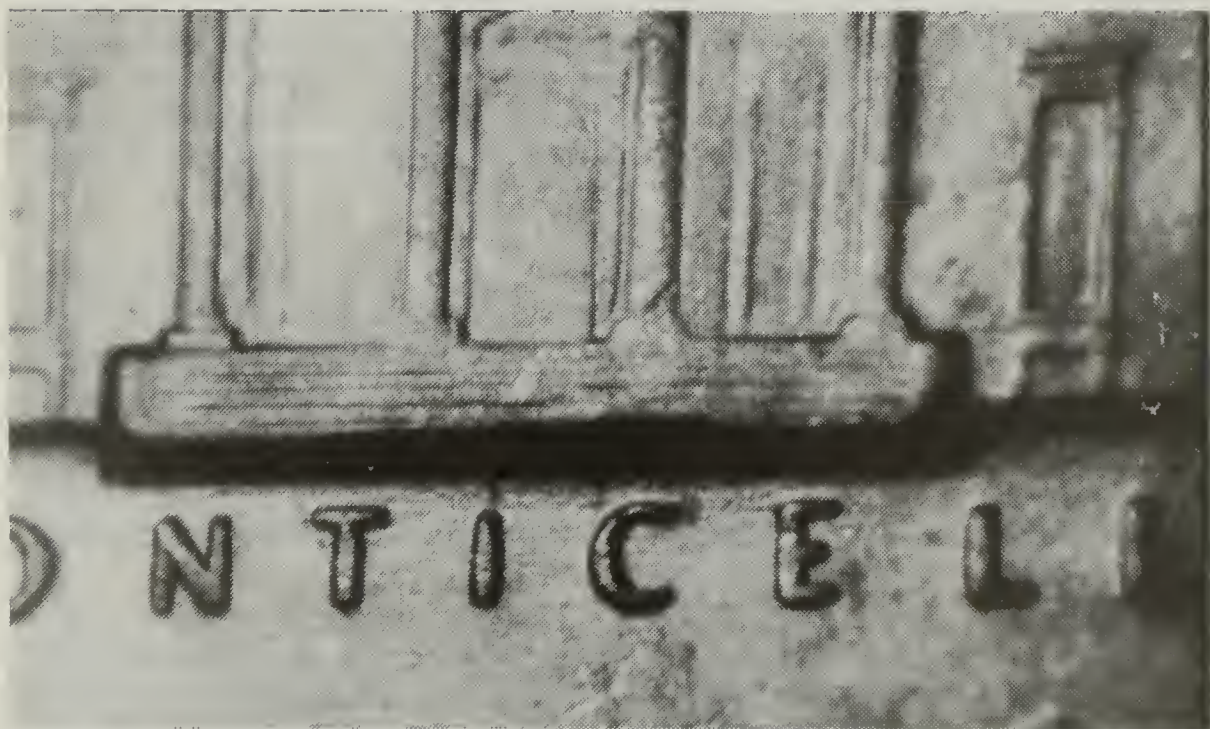


Variations of D over S

Treasury officials announced a national competition for a new design for the five cent coin known as the “Jefferson Nickel” as soon as the Act of September 25, 1890 allowed. The competition was open to all American sculptors. Sculptors were required to submit two plaster models, one representing the obverse and one for the reverse. \$1,000 was to be paid to the winner.

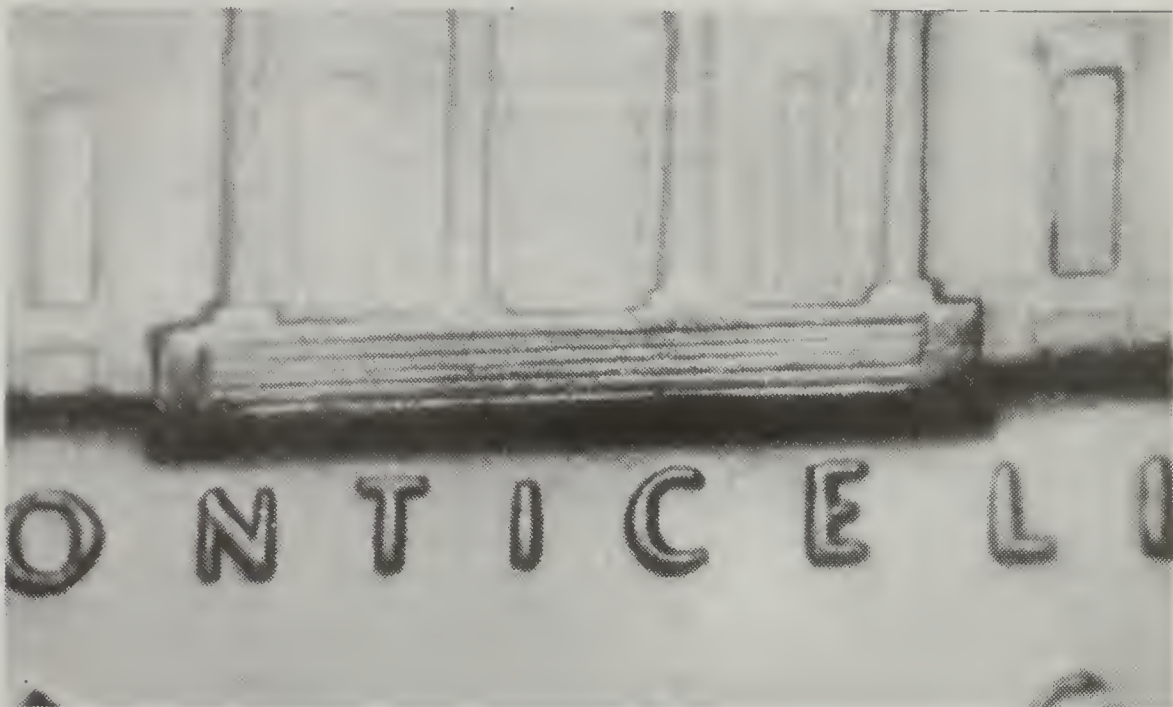
On April 20th the design by Felix O. Schlag of Chicago was selected from among 390 entries. The Federal Fine Arts Commission rejected Schlag’s side view of Monticello. A Treasury directive demanded a front view of Jefferson’s home. Lettering had to be narrowed and spaced closer together to leave room for the word “Monticello.” Schlag also did some alterations to Jefferson’s bust on the obverse.

In preparing for the competition, Felix Schlag read everything he could on Jefferson. He also made several pencil sketches of Jefferson, but none to his satisfaction. One night Felix visited a neighborhood bookstore and found a magazine with Jefferson’s portrait that he liked and was able to complete his design.



Reverse of 1938

The production of the Jefferson Nickel began during the second week of September. Apparently due to dissatisfaction with the weak appearance of the steps on Monticello, the Treasury prepared a new galvano with sharply defined steps in 1939. Thus 1938 is the only year where all coins produced that year had the wavy step variety. 1939 issues can be found with both wavy and straight steps. Not to be confused with the wartime nickels known as Variety II, the reverse designs are known as the "Reverse of 1938" and "Reverse of 1940" since 1940 issues had the straight steps.



Reverse of 1940

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Coinage of The Channel Islands

1830-1971

By Gene Norman

Part 1 — Guernsey

Before we begin to discuss the coinage of the Channel Islands a brief introduction to the islands is in order. We should probably answer the following questions: 1) What Channel? 2) What islands? 3) What on earth are we talking about? 4) Don't we have enough island nations issuing coins now?

The answers are: 1) The English Channel, 2) Guernsey, Jersey and some others, 3) some very interesting coinage which originated in the nineteenth century, and 4) yes, we have enough island nations issuing coinage now, but these have been around far longer than most. These islands have given us two breeds of dairy cattle, the name of one state, the name of a small town and at least one dairy in Wisconsin, not to mention the names of at least two articles of clothing, a closely fitted knit sweater and the guernsey coat. There is also a kind of undershirt called a sark, although the name is not clearly attributed to the island of the same name.

The Channel Islands are a part of a group of islands along the northern coast of France. They have been associated with the English Crown since the Norman Conquest in 1066. They are all that remains to the English Crown of the Duchy of Normandy after King John, who reigned from 1199-1216, lost the Duchy to France. The Channel Islands are divided into two Bailiwicks. A bailiwick is the jurisdiction of a Bailiff. One Bailiwick consists entirely of the Island of Jersey. The other Bailiwick, Guernsey, consists of the islands of Guernsey, Alderney, Sark and Herm.

The earliest coins found in the islands are Celtic imitations of Greek staters, these coins cannot be distinguished from similar ones found on the mainland. The coinage of the channel islands continued to be the same as the coinage of the mainland until the end of the Napoleonic wars in 1815. When the English finally turned their thoughts to creating a unique coinage for the channel islands they found an interesting situation, the coins in common use on the islands were different on each island, and each passed at a different value to English coinage, as well as a different value to each other!

The Guernsey coinage was the first to be struck. In 1813, before the beginning of the actual coinage, an attempt was made to circulate silver bank tokens of five shillings value which were created by overstriking Spanish eight reales. These tokens were banned by the "States" (the legislature) before they were circulated and so are very scarce, with about 15 examples known today. These bank tokens constituted the only precious metal "coinage" of Guernsey until the striking of decimal coins in precious metals for collectors after 1971.

The coinage of Guernsey was originally based on the "Double" (Double Deniers Tournois). These small copper coins passed at eight to the English Penny, this is a fine example of the debasement of the French coinage over the centuries since the double was two deniers, each of which was originally the same denomination as the English Penny.

The first coins of Guernsey were struck in 1830 and consisted of a one double and a four doubles denomination. These denominations correspond to the then current English denominations of a half farthing and a half penny. The designs of these coins is very simple. The obverse design consists of a rather rectangular shield with vertical lines representing red, surcharged with three passing lions with an upraised paw

(passant guardant if you are a heraldry buff). At the top of the shield is a sprig of three leaves, and the name "GUERNESEY" at 6:00. The modern spelling "GUERNSEY" is not used until 1956. The reverse consists of the denomination and the date in three lines. In 1834 the 8 doubles denomination was added. This corresponded to the English Penny. The larger coin allowed for more design elements so a wreath was added at 6:00 on both the obverse and reverse. The name "GUERNESEY" was placed at 12:00.

All the coins mentioned so far were struck in copper. In 1858 the eight doubles was struck again in copper and another denomination was added, two doubles. This coin corresponded to the English farthing or quarter penny.

The metal of these coins was changed from copper to bronze and the sizes of the coins slightly reduced in the period between 1864 and 1885. The one double was struck in copper in 1868 and not struck again until 1885.

In 1864 a change was made to the obverse design of the four doubles. The sprig of leaves at the top of the shield, which had previously been attached to a single stem, were each provided with their own stem. However a number of the 1864 dated coins were of the single stem variety. The two doubles also has single stem and three stem varieties in 1868. These designs remained constant until 1911 for the one double and 1914 for the rest of the denominations. From 1885 forward until 1956 all of the Guernsey coinage was struck at the Heaton Mint in Birmingham and bears the "H" mint mark on the reverse under the date.

In 1911 and 1914 some not very dramatic design changes were made, the number of leaves in the sprig at the top of the shield was changed to a cluster of nine! The effects of inflation began to take their toll. In 1929 the last of the two doubles was struck and 1938 saw the last of the one doubles.

The old designs were last struck in 1949. When coins were struck in the reign of Elizabeth II there were (relatively) drastic changes. While the shield remained, the lions were drastically redesigned, and the inscription was changed to read "S'BALLIVIE INSVLE DE GUERNEREVE" which is in Old Norman French, the actual language of the islands. On the reverse, the new design features the Guernsey Lily, with "Guernsey" at 12:00 the date and denomination below. The other major change was the introduction of the three pence denomination. This scalloped-edged copper-nickel coin was struck in 1956, 1959 and 1966. In the last two years the thickness of the flan was increased.

The year 1956 saw the issue of the first proof set for sale to the public. Previously proofs had been sporadically issued to roughly correspond to major events (Victoria's Jubilees) and change of monarchs. This set contains two examples of each of the four doubles, eight doubles and three pence. (To display both the obverse and reverse of each coin!) This set had a limited mintage of 1050 sets.

In 1966 the last coin of the non-decimal series was issued, a 10 Shilling (half pound) piece. This was also the first commemorative coin issued by the Bailiwick. The issue commemorated the 900th anniversary of the Norman Conquest of England. This coin also has the distinction of being square!

Although the coinage became decimal in 1971, the first decimal coins were actually struck in 1968 and 1969. These were the five New Pence (equivalent to one Shilling) and 10 New Pence (equivalent to two Shillings or one Florin). In 1969 the 50 New Pence or half pound denomination was issued. On August 31, 1971 the old coinage became obsolete. These were the first steps toward European unification. Fortunately we have an interesting legacy to examine.

Next issue: The Coinage of Jersey or "A fifty-second of a What?"

Show Calendar

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Numismatic Travels

By Kevin Foley

With the outbreak of war in the Middle East, airports around the world have begun to exercise greater security precautions than in the past. Since numismatic dealers have often been the target of theft attempts at airport locations, especially the security checkpoints at the entrance to passenger concourses, it would be prudent to consider whether these new precautions might cause problems of their own for the numismatic traveler.

One of the favorite theft techniques in the past has been to create a delay at the checkpoint through a ruse such as the dropping of change and then in the distraction of the moment snatching a valuable laden briefcase from the x-ray machine conveyor belt. Based on my own observations of recent weeks it appears that airport security people now typically turn their metal detecting apparatus to its maximum sensitivity so that even small metal objects, such as keys and pocket change, sound an alarm. The delay caused by the required rechecking of the passenger could prove costly if a briefcase placed on the x-ray machine conveyor disappears in the ensuing confusion.

The airport security personnel have a different agenda than protecting the individual traveler against theft at their checkpoint. I'd recommend removing all keys, pocket change, etc. before passing through the checkpoint to minimize the chances of being involved in the potentially expensive delay when the alarm sounds and the passenger is required to pass through the checkpoint again.

The fact that only ticketed passengers are now permitted beyond the security checkpoint does little to make me feel more secure about a minimized theft exposure at airports. If anything, police and security personnel will now be preoccupied more than ever with more important matters and the purchase of a refundable ticket by a professional thief to gain access to the passenger only areas will be nothing more than a minor nuisance.

Several issues ago I mentioned a travel publication entitled *Best Fares*. I recently subscribed myself and have found it very useful. Available at \$78 per year it contains information which makes its seemingly expensive price seem a bargain once you've spent some time reading it. In addition to a news section containing information on airline and hotel frequent traveler promotions it also lists numerous fares between different markets and gives the pertinent airline fare codes so that when calling for a fare one can give the information necessary to assist the sometimes less than diligent agents to find the fare you are trying to obtain.

It also gives advice on how to save money not only by utilizing the so called "hidden city" fare technique, but also outlines some markets where one can save a considerable amount by paying point to point fares between connecting cities to the final destination rather than simply paying the fare between the originating city and the final destination. For example, when flying from Chicago to San Francisco a considerable savings can be achieved by flying Chicago-Kansas City-San Francisco and paying the Chicago-Kansas City fare and then the Kansas City-San Francisco fare rather than simply the Chicago-San Francisco fare. *Best Fares* tells which airlines this technique is possible on and gives similar information for a number of other city pairs.

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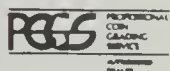
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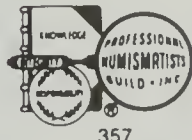
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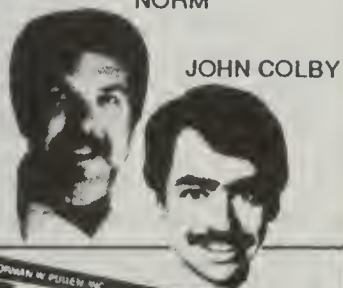
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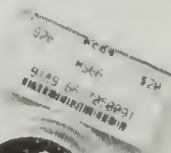
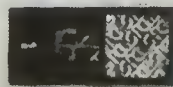
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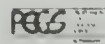
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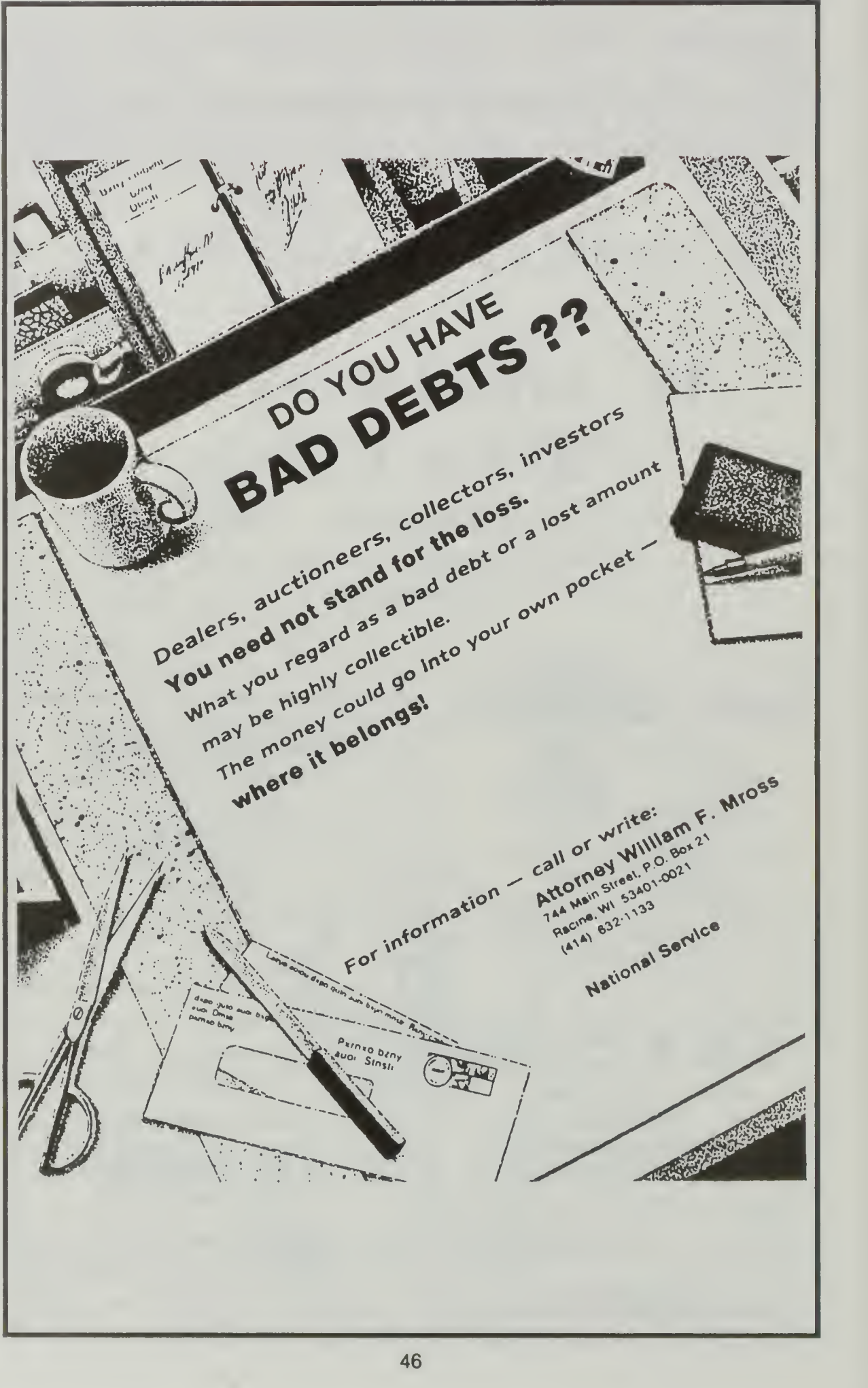
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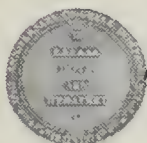
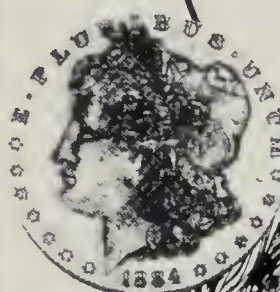
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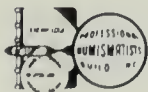
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